

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the RCE received on 4/26/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-8,11-15,18-21 and 23-25.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 4/26/07 has been entered. Currently, claims 1, 4-8, 11-15, 18-21 and 23-25 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see pages 11-14 of the remarks, filed 4/26/07, with respect to the rejection of claims 1, 8, and 15 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1, 4-8, 11-15, and 18-21 has been withdrawn.

Examiner's Amendment

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Frank L. Cire on 5/23/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

Regarding claim 15, the preamble should read, "A computer-readable memory medium storing a computer-executable print control program, said print control program for controlling a print data processing apparatus to execute print processing in an operation mode which is automatically determined from among a plurality of operation modes in response to a print request from an application program, said print control program comprising:".

Regarding claim 18, the preamble should read "A computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 15, further comprising:".

Regarding claim 19, the preamble should read "A computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 18,".

Regarding claim 20, the preamble should read "A computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 15,".

Regarding claim 21, the preamble should read "A computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 15,".

The last claim should be renumbered as claim 25 not claim 23 and the preamble should read "A computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 15,". Therefore the claim should look as follows:

25. (New) A computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 15, wherein said displaying step displays the evaluation screen for querying the evaluation of the printing quality for the print processing on a page to page basis.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 4-8, 11-15, 18-21, and 23-25 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other limitations in the claims), wherein, in order to enable the user to selectively input the evaluation result, options consisting of a print quality is satisfactory option, a printing should be faster option, a print should be clearer option, and a printing should be more accurate option are displayed in said displaying step, as set forth in claim(s) 1, 8, and 15.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark R. Milia whose telephone number is (571) 272-7408. The examiner can normally be reached M-F 8:00am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler M. Lamb can be reached at (571) 272-7406. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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